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TOPIC Soviet Tank Repair Shop at Neubrandenburg.

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1. At the end of September 1953, the number of employees including construction workers in the Soviet tank repair shop at Neubrandenburg was estimated at 1,300 men. Enlargement work at the installation was sped up. Source learned that, since June 1953, a monthly average of ten tanks were completely overhauled at the halls already completed. Having been repaired, the tanks were delivered to the KVP.
2. Prior to the beginning of October 1953, exclusively T-34 tanks were overhauled at the tank repair shop in Neubrandenburg. The capacity of the plant was still very small and did not meet the requirements. The whole plant at Neubrandenburg serves exclusively the National Forces. At the beginning of October 1953, about 600 German workers were employed at the workshop.
3. Prior to the spring of 1953, a small Soviet motor vehicle repair shop was housed in the damaged, former German torpedo test station at Neubrandenburg. In April 1953, the entire installation was taken over by the KVP which established a tank repair shop and reconstructed some of the buildings. The first shipment of an undetermined number of T-34/76 tanks and SU-76s arrived still in April, and a second shipment of 9 T-34 tanks and 3 SU-76s in July 1953. Of the third shipment, which arrived at the end of September and the beginning of October, 5 T-34 tanks had arrived until 4 October. All tanks and SP guns were completely overhauled and subsequently turned over to the KVP. Enlargement work under way was allegedly to be completed by the spring of 1954. rumors according to which the work force was to be brought up from the present strength of about 500 men to 1,500 men in the spring of 1954. The installation was subdivided into Department I which included the engine work shop under the supervision of engineer Fiedler (fnu) and Department II including weapons, radio equipment and optics which had so far been under the supervision of Senior Lieutenant Laux (fnu).

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It is believed that the workshop will serve exclusively as tank repair shop. So far, it has been working for the KVP. Fiedler (fnu) and Senior Lieutenant Laux (fnu) are reported for the first time. The statement that 500 to 600 workers are employed there is given credence.

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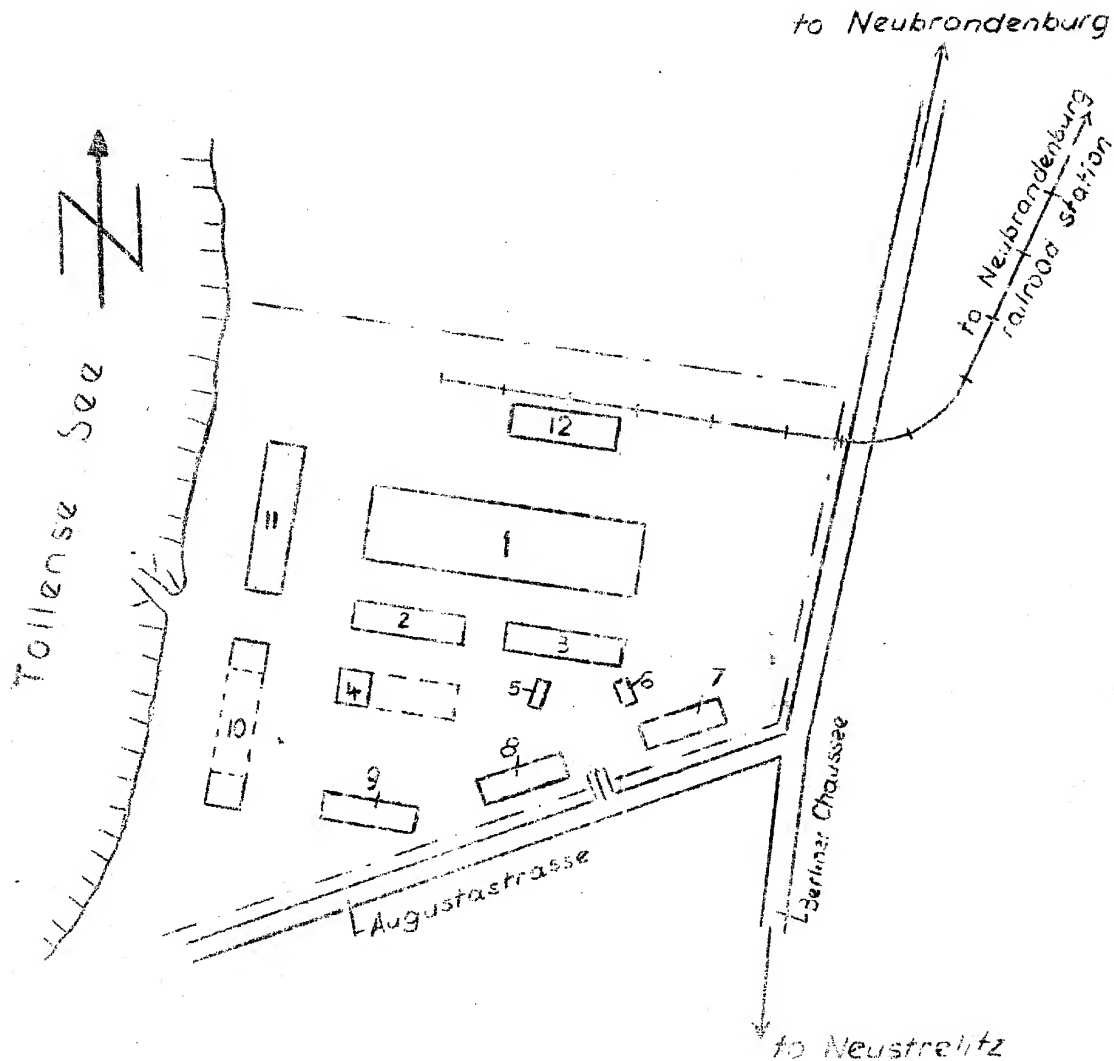
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Annex



Tank Repair Shop at Neubrandenburg

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Legend.

- 1 Workshop, 200 x 50 x 50 meters, under construction and scheduled for completion in the spring of 1954
- 2 Workshop under construction
- 3 New workshop for gear assembly and electric installations
- 4 Reconditioned building housing the mechanical section
- 5 Oil bunker
- 6 Carpentry
- 7 Truck garages
- 8 Administrative buildings
- 9 Forgery and welding shop
- 10 Damaged building, partly reconditioned and scheduled for completion in the spring of 1954
- 11 Repair and assembly shop
- 12 Storage building

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